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Colonel Lowell E. Graham, commander/conductor

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Director of Public Affairs and Former Member of the Singing Sergeants Retires

For almost 20 years, Chief Master Sergeant Dana L. Steinhauser has been the “Voice of the Air Force” during The United States Air Force Band’s concert, radio and television performances worldwide. It is unbelievable, but after 25 years of exceptional service to the United States Air Force, Chief Steinhauser has decided the time is right for him to move to the next exciting phase of his life. He will leave an overwhelming void but we accept the loss and celebrate our long history with this dynamic gentleman.

Chief Steinhauser began his Air Force career in 1972 as a bass vocalist with the Singing Sergeants, the official chorus of the United States Air Force. At the end of his first enlistment, he returned to the civilian sector. But with his return in 1980, fate smiled upon the Air Force. A former commander of The United States Air Force Band reflected upon a conversation with Chief Steinhauser about the prospect of his returning to active duty:



CMSgt Dana Steinhauser narrates during his final USAF Band concert

“I recall the meeting set up with Chief Steinhauser somewhere in Florida where we discussed having him come back to the Singing Sergeants after a ‘leave of absence.’ In discussing what direction the Band and Singers were to take over the next few years, I was impressed with his probing questions and insightful suggestions as to how things might be improved. Not only was he willing to come back to the Band, but he became deeply involved with many aspects of its operation. I appreciated his hard work and very direct way of dealing with things. I never had to guess what was on his mind or how he felt. He was always one of my favorite performers-and an excellent singer.”

On December 1, 1993, Chief Steinhauser was appointed director of public affairs for The United States Air Force Band. Since accepting this position, he has given the products produced by the Band’s Public Affairs Office an innovative and bold new direction. His utmost goal has been to strive to produce products that would effectively portray a refreshing look of creativity and class. He successfully pioneered the imaginative direction that has set a visual example envied by many in the industry.

The United States Air Force Band’s Office of Public Affairs greatly cherishes Chief Steinhauser’s leadership. We wish him the very best as he moves to his new position at the Air Force Association. Congratulations from all of us on the P.A. staff!

--CMSgt Daisy Jackson